BECKMAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL | MARCH 2024

NEWSLETTER

GALA HIGHLIGHTS

Todd & Becky Steffen purchased this 9 foot Christmas tree on the silent auction. The tree came with $100 for decorations and one hour of decorating by Lynne Lueck and Brittany Reittinger. Donated by: Cash Donations

In October, Beckman Catholic hosted our 32nd Annual Beckman Catholic Gala! Each year we have some amazing auction items donated, and we wanted to share some of them with you!

The Live & Silent Auction combined raised over $90,000! Thanks to everyone that helped make this event successful!

This year we added a "senior feature" to the auction. BCHS senior, Maria Dudzik was asked to paint whatever she wanted on a 16x20 canvas. Her inspiration took her to the rolling hills of Bankston, Iowa. Unbeknownst to her, the farm she painted belonged to John and Joyce Lehmann! John and Joyce placed the winning bid on this one of a kind painting of their farm at the Gala. Any idea what next year's feature will be?

The actual painting took over 15 hours to complete!

Did you know that groups that donate experiences to the Gala keep HALF of what they bring in to use for their group? *Students for Life* made & served an authentic English dinner! Funds were used to purchase 25 books for a pro-life book study led by Mrs. Roeder.

Mark Breitbach, former Beckman Catholic teacher, hosted our first ever Poker Night. Tickets were sold at $100/piece. Winner of a year's worth of bragging rights went to Bob Salow!

Grab your dirndl and lederhosen and join us for Gala 2024!

It took some convincing, but we got Sandy Gotto, janitor, to donate "Lunch with Sandy!". She didn't think anyone would want to have lunch with her; she was wrong. Jenna Lansing, '23, with Wyatt and Annalynne, enjoyed lunch with Sandy at Brew & Brew! Donated by: Sandy Gotto

DECEASED ALUMNI

Kathy (Gudenkauf) Kurt '69
John Kluesner '72
Daniel Willenborg '71
Brian Wulfekuhle '84
Carol (Noethe) Ludovissy '72
Thomas Weigel '69
Thomas Kerper '74
Thomas Goen '80
Carl Kruse '70
John Rahe '67
David Elenz '71
Diane (Bell) Lahr '77
Herb Recker '71
Terry Weber '72
Bradley Kennedy '11
Kenneth Helle '68
Terry J. Meyer '82
Vicki (Courchane) Maiers '68

DID YOU KNOW...

Beckman Catholic partners with local businesses for students to have access to work-based learning opportunities as part of our mentoring program.

"My mentoring placement is at St. Francis Xavier School. I work with individual students or in small groups. I mainly work on math and reading with Kindergarten, 1st grade, and 3rd grade. My plan is to go to UNI for elementary education. This placement has definitely helped me get the feel for teaching. I have really enjoyed my time at Xavier and can't wait for what's to come next."
-Alyssa Goerdt '24

"I mentor at Engineering Services and Products Company, better know as FarmTek. Through my participation in Beckman's engineering classes, I discovered my interests line up with a career in Mechanical Engineering. Because of this opportunity, I can enter college with confidence in my future career selection, my abilities within that career field, and the purpose of this career field."
-Andrew Salrin'24

"I mentor at Simon's Trucking where I fix and repair semi trucks and trailers. This is a job I would like to do in the future, so this gives me an opportunity to be a mechanic and work on equipment. I think people should get into the career that they want to do in the future as soon as possible and get the experience they need to be in that profession."
-Noah Gaul '24

"BAC provides tax preparation, payroll services, and other accounting and financial services. Next year, I am pursuing degrees in Accounting and Finance, so this is a great opportunity to gain experience in this area. After starting this internship, I feel even more confident that this is the right line of work for me to go into. I really enjoy the work I do, and I feel this opportunity is setting me up to succeed later in my career path."
-Emerson Kramer '24

Some of the other local businesses students are currently mentoring at include:

St. Elizabeth Pastorate
Boge Equipment and Service
Mike Gogel Electric
Dairy Queen
Domeyer Dairy
Terry's Truck and Trailer
Round Two
Schilling Farms
Kroeger Auto Body Shop
Field of Dreams
Guttenberg Heating and Plumping
Avalon Body Shop
Thier Farms
Mercy One
Briley
Theisen's
L&S Ag Center
Bagge Farms

If you are a local business who is interested in having a Beckman student as a mentee, please contact Grady Gallagher at ggallagher@beckmancatholic.org

ALUMNI SPOLIGHT

Owen Grover '19

Owen has received a countless number of academic and athletic awards during his time at Wartburg College. Some of his awards include receiving an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship, being named the D3football.com National Defensive Player of the Year, the Cliff Harris Award winner for NCAA Division III, and being named a Gagliardi Trophy finalist. He was the first in program history to be chosen as a finalist for the National Football Foundation's William V. Campbell Trophy. Owen plans to attend medical school at the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine. Congratulations Owen on these and all of your accomplishments!

Want to read more about Owen Grover's accomplishments? CLICK HERE

We welcomed students and staff members from Aquin, LaSalle, St. Mary-Manchester, Sacred Heart-Monticello, Seton, and St. Francis Xavier for our annual All System Mass on February 21. It was a beautiful day to gather together to celebrate our Catholic Schools.

DID YOU KNOW WE ARE ON VENMO?

Annual Appeal donations can now be made via Venmo!

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